

**In the CLAIMS**

1-10 (cancelled)

11 (new). A concave surface for ball and racquet games, the surface comprising:

a cylindrical crown having:

a central axis,

a diameter,

first and second curved edges perpendicular to the central axis,

first and second straight edges parallel to the central axis; and

a dihedral angle ( $\alpha$ ) formed by two planes ( $p'$  and  $p''$ ) that contain the central axis of the crown and one or the other of the long edges.

12 (new). The concave surface of claim 11 further comprising a net.

13 (new). The concave surface of claim 11 such that the dihedral angle is between 5 and 180 degrees.

14 (new). The concave surface of claim 13 such that the dihedral angle is between 20 and 90 degrees.

15 (new). The concave surface of claim 11 wherein the length of the straight edges is between 1 and 12 meters (3.28 and 39.37 ft.).

16 (new). The concave surface of claim 15 wherein the length of the straight edges is between 2 and 6 meters (6.56 and 19.69 ft.).

17 (new). The concave surface of claim 11 wherein the width of the curved edges is between 50 cm. and 6 meters (1.64 and 19.69 ft.).

18 (new). The concave surface of claim 17 wherein the width of the curved edges is between 1 and 3 meters (3.28 and 9.84 ft.).

19 (new). The concave surface of claim 11 wherein the thickness of the curved crown is between 0.5 and 90 cm. (00.02 and 2.95 ft.).

20 (new). The concave surface of claim 19 wherein the thickness of the curved crown is between 2 and 10 cm. (0.07 and 0.33 ft.).

- 21(new). The concave surface of claim 11 wherein the concave surface is supported above the ground on legs.
- 22 (new). The surface of claim 21 wherein the surface is elevated above the ground between 20 and 190 cm. (0.66 and 6.23 ft.).
- 23 (new). The surface of claim 22 wherein the surface is elevated above the ground between 60 and 120 cm. (1.97 and 3.94 ft.).
- 24 (new). The concave surface of claim 11 wherein the concave surface is directly supported by the ground.
- 25 (new). The concave surface of claim 24 wherein the length of the straight edges is between 3 and 50 meters (9.84 and 164.04 ft.).
- 26 (new). The concave surface of claim 25 wherein the length of the straight edges is between 7 and 24 meters (22.97 and 78.74 ft.).
- 27 (new). The concave surface of claim 24 wherein the width of the curved edges is between 1 and 20 meters (3.28 and 65.62 ft.).
- 28 (new). The concave surface of claim 27 wherein the width of the curved edges is between 2 and 10 meters (6.56 and 32.81 ft.).
- 29 (new). The concave surface of claim 24 wherein the thickness of the curved crown will be between 0.5 and 30 centimeters (0.02 and 0.98 ft.).
- 30 (new). The concave surface of claim 29 wherein the thickness of the curved crown is between 2 and 10 centimeters (0.07 and 0.33 ft.).